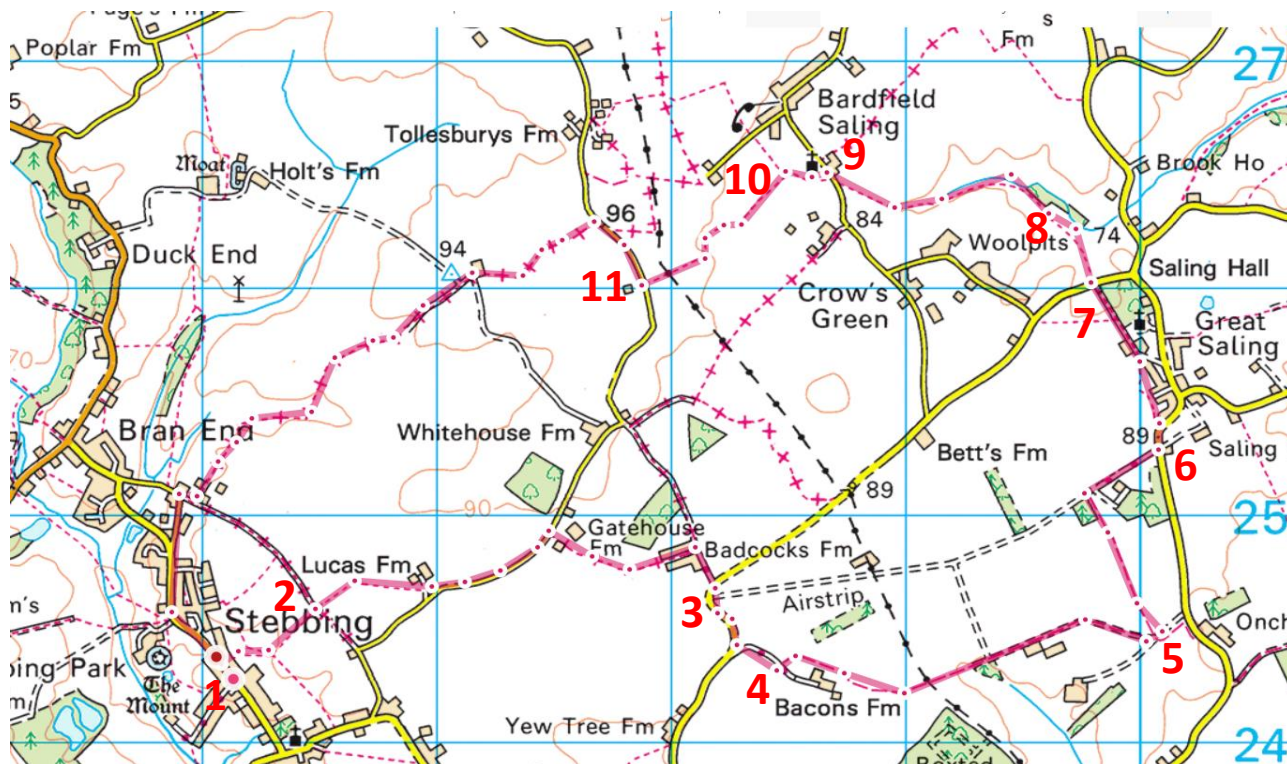


## Stebbing / Bardfield Saling via Andrewsfield Walk

A slightly longer walk but with history, a café and some fine views. Mainly on footpaths and byways although there are some cross-field paths which can get muddy in wet weather but these can be bypassed quite easily.

7.90 miles / 12.3 km 2hr 40 min (approx. walking time)



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Starting from outside The [White Hart \(1\)](#) a 17<sup>th</sup> century inn, turn Left along the High Street to take the footpath on the Right opposite the Village Community Shop. Follow the path, bearing Right to meet the cultivated field (2). Here comes the first cross-field path, across to the Clay Lane byway and on to Lucas Farm. A short stretch of minor road will bring you to Gatehouse Farm where you turn Right down the byway to Badcocks Farm and to meet the road at the entrance to Andrewsfield (3). [Andrewsfield](#) airfield in itself has plenty of history, built in 1942 by the Americans and the first of a whole chain of airfields across Essex and East Anglia, it also has a café open to visitors, which has an interesting collection WW2 memorabilia. With care, take the road past the end of the runway to pick up the lane to Bacons Farm, a short distance along this lane turn Left onto the bridleway (4) and follow the well-marked route round behind Bacons Farm onto the old perimeter track, past the old hangers to turn Left at the asphalt site (5). Follow the hedge line path to pick up the track past the black hanger and down to the road (6). Turn Left and shortly take the footpath on the Left, just before the houses. Keep to the field edge behind the houses until you come to where the footpath turns Right into a grass field. Crossing this field diagonally to your left join the track which takes you to the road (7). Cross the road and enter the [Nature Reserve](#)

following the path bearing Left to reach the field (8) where you turn Right and follow the field edge to reach the road at Bardfield Saling the [St Peters & St Pauls Church](#) (9). This 14<sup>th</sup> century church has one of only six remaining round towers in Essex and contains, among other things, some magnificent examples of delicate straw work from the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Time your visit to the church in the spring and you will be rewarded with the sight of the churchyard full of primroses.

Heading back to Stebbing, take the footpath behind the church until you meet the Crossfield path on your left (10) which will take you across a bridge and the last cross-field path to reach Lubberhedges Lane (11). Turn Right on the road to reach the byway on your Left which will take you past the New Barns (nice views north towards Holts Farm and west towards Stebbing, you should also be able to see Stebbing church in the distance) and down, past the entrance to the Clay Lane byway, to Brick Kiln Lane where you turn Left to re-join the High Street and back to The White Hart.